The Government of India has been implementing two schemes for the benefit of child labour withdrawn from work, namely, the scheme of National Child Labour Projects (NCLPs) and the scheme of Grant-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations. Under these schemes Special Schools/Centres have been set up with provision for non-formal education, vocational training, nutrition, stipend and health care etc. So far NCLPs have been sanctioned in 100 districts in 13 child labour endemic States for coverage of 2.11 lakh children. As per the information available, 1.45 lakh children (approx.) have already been mainstreamed into formal education school system.

Aware generation activities are also being taken by the concerned project societies set up under the NCLP at the district level.

Loss of jobs by women

977. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women who have lost their jobs because of disinvestment, during the last three years, sector-wise and State-wise;

(b) the number of those who have been relocated during the above period, State-wise; and

(c) the number of women who have opted for VRS, during the same period, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (c) All decisions of the Government relating to disinvestments do not automatically have a direct impact on the jobs of the employees of the concerned public sector company. When the decision involves a strategic sale with the transfer of management and control of the company, the issues relating to employees assume importance and the concerns are appropriately addressed in the terms and conditions of sale.

As per the available information, approx. 3.69 lakh employees of central PSUs have gone on voluntary retirement during the period from October 1988 to March 2001. No separate information relating to the number of women who have taken VRS or who have been relocated, is maintained in the Department of Public Enterprises.